

VI. IMPLEMENTATION

There are several tools available for use by the County to assist in the implementation of a thoroughfare plan. They are as follows:

State-County Adoption of Thoroughfare Plan

As shown in **Figure 7**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Jackson County, has developed a revised County Thoroughfare Plan. The plan serves as a guide to the Department of Transportation in the development of the highway system for the County. The approval of the plan by the County will enable standard road regulations and land use controls to be used effectively in the implementation of this plan.

Watershed Protection Controls

The watershed protection regulations require that all development of property in the watershed must comply with the provisions of the Jackson County Watershed Protection Ordinance. Where possible, roads should be located outside of critical areas and watershed buffer areas. Roads constructed within these areas shall be designed and constructed so to minimize their impact on water quality.

Funding

The majority of the improvements are scheduled and funded by the Transportation Improvement Program. The Board of Transportation regularly conducts public meetings to obtain input from the public pertaining to their needs for highway improvements.

Not all roadway improvements are covered by this procedure. Nearly all secondary road work is done on a county by county basis. These funds, known as the county construction account, are used to pave unimproved roads, widen roadways, stabilize dirt roads, make minor alignment improvements, and even construct short connectors when appropriate. The County Commissioners are encouraged to work with the Division Engineer when the County's priority list is developed. Many of the minor improvements recommended may be realized by using the County's construction account funds and developing the County's priority list in conjunction with the Division Engineer.